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Re Application of:)
Frank BONADIO et al.) Group Art Unit: 3743
Application No.: 10/600,812) Examiner: Dinnatia DOSTER GREENE
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For: APPARATUS FOR USE IN)
SURGERY AND A VALVE)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2005, the period for response having been extended to January 5, 2006, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks/Arguments follow the claim amendments section of this Reply.

Attachments to this Reply include (A) fully executed Declaration of Denis McCarthy; (B) fully executed Declaration of Alan Reid; (C) fully executed Declaration of Frank Bonadio; (D) Order from Irish High Court; and (E) Copy of Irish Patent Application No. 930649.